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In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to Friday's report. Elsewhere, prices were higher on mediums and unchanged to lower on the heavier weight eggs. Trade sentiment was mixed entering the week. Demand into all channels was light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available, instances tight on mediums and jumbos. Breaking stock offerings were tight to barely sufficient for the moderate to fairly good demand. Spent hens were mostly adequate for normal processing schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged with Midwest delivered prices 2 cents lower on the larger sizes and 4 cents higher for mediums. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to barely steady for the larger sizes and mostly steady for mediums. Cartoned egg sales were light to moderate with food service movement mostly light. Supplies were tight for medium and jumbo and adequate to fully adequate on the balance.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45-55	46-52	LARGE	27-36	31
LARGE	44-54	45-48	MEDIUM	7-11	9
MEDIUM	22-32	24-27	SMALL	5-7	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged on large, higher on mediums, and unchanged to lower on extra large when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment was mixed entering the week. Demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were usually adequate to available for full trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate for normal processing schedule. Spent hens were mostly adequate for the fair to good demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as normal beginning the week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	56-73	59
LARGE	50-64	55-59
MEDIUM	24-37	29-31

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices on larger sizes decreased 2 cents, mediums increased 1 cent. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady on larger sizes and steady for mediums. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good, best for scattered feature activity. Distributive movement was light to moderate. Supplies were generally adequate for all sizes. Central states breaking stock prices ranged higher with checks and undergrades higher. Offerings were tight to barely adequate for the fairly good demand. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	57.5-66	59-62
LARGE	53.5-62	55-58
MEDIUM	28.5-37	30-33

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on medium and unchanged on the balance when compared to the previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was steady on medium, cautiously steady on larger sizes. Demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were about sufficient for normal processing schedules. Light type hens were mostly adequate for the fair to good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55.5-63	57-60
LARGE	54-61	55-58
MEDIUM	26.25-34	27-31

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices on all sizes were unchanged when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was at best steady on heavier weights and steady on medium entering the week. Demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were usually adequate to available for present trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	64-68
LARGE	62-66
MEDIUM	36-40

MIDWEST EGGS	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	52-61	54-58
LARGE	51-60	52-54
MEDIUM	29-38	32-34

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WESTERN Prices unchanged on jumbo, 1-2 cents lower on extra large, 2-3 cents lower on large, and 4 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 3% higher than last Monday with California up 6% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 4%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings easily adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on jumbo, 2 cents lower on extra large and large, and 4 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 6% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings fully adequate. Small benchmark price 45.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	114
EXTRA LARGE	100
LARGE	88
MEDIUM	65

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	259-309	JUMBO	
EXTRA LARGE	219-289	EXTRA LARGE	NOT AVAILABLE
LARGE	199-229	LARGE	
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending July 29, 2005 will decrease by 5 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 22, 2005 were 218,859 cases which was 8 percent below the prior week and 10 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	180,544	38,315	218,859
% change from the prior week.....	-10	+5	-8

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices were higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was fairly good with offerings tight to barely adequate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment fully steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	23-25	25
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	12-16	12-14
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from producers. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
25-JUL-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.25-16 CENTS/LB.	12-13.5	12.90
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were irregular but noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were sufficient for current needs. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
25-JUL-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-16.25 CENTS/LB.	12-14	13.24
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- JULY 25, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.5	9.1	5.2	10.1	9.5 43.4
	Change	-0.2	0.5	0.5	-0.6	-1.3 -2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.5	40.9	10.7	21.9	33.6 136.6
	Change	-0.3	6.2	-1.8	-3.4	1.6 2%
Large	Curr Wk	49.0	139.8	59.3	83.1	90.7 421.9
	Change	0.9	7.6	-1.5	-1.0	9.7 4%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.6	57.6	16.2	37.9	32.1 160.4
	Change	-3.7	-6.3	0.8	7.8	0.6 0%
Small	Curr Wk	11.8	18.2	4.8	10.2	4.5 49.5
	Change	1.5	2.8	0.4	-0.9	-1.1 6%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.5	39.5	10.0	14.0	5.6 73.6
	Change	-1.6	0.9	2.9	0.9	-0.7 3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.2	57.1	22.0	26.8	23.5 146.6
	Change	-0.3	5.7	-0.1	-24.7	-2.4 -13%
Total	Curr Wk	138.1	362.2	128.2	204.0	199.5 1032.0
Percent	Change	-3%	5%	1%	-10%	3% 0%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1032.0	0%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	254.1	-3%	35
Total Shell Egg	1286.1	-1%	210

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 175 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday a.m. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 11, 2005

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.86	1.83	1.74	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF JULY 11, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 22, 2005

CURRENT LOADS							FUTURE LOADS							TOTAL LOADS						
14.00							1.00							15.00						
SE			NE		MW		LOADS		SC			NW		SW		LOADS				
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST						
GNR W 1	35.00	—	35.50	37.00	—	—	2.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00				
GL W XL	—	—	48.00	50.00	42.33	—	4.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	54.33	3.00				
GL W LG	—	—	43.50	45.00	34.00	—	2.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	44.00	1.00				
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	23.00	25.50	1.50	GL W MD	24.00	—	—	—	—	—	32.00	2.50				
GL W SM	—	—	15.25	18.00	—	—	1.00	GL W SM	13.00	—	—	—	—	—	18.00	1.00				

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/18/05-07/22/05

CURRENT LOADS 94.00								FUTURE LOADS 45.50								TOTAL LOADS 139.50							
		SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW		LOADS							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL	36.00	—	—	38.00	—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	47.00	9.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
GNR W 1	35.00	—	35.67	37.00	—	—	5.00	GL W XL	41.83	48.67	—	55.50	—	53.16	16.50	GL W XL	41.83	48.67	—	55.50	—	53.16	16.50
GNR W 2	—	—	35.00	36.50	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	42.17	—	56.11	—	46.09	23.25	GL W LG	—	42.17	—	56.11	—	46.09	23.25
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	24.00	—	—	30.50	—	30.20	13.75	GL W MD	24.00	—	—	30.50	—	30.20	13.75
GL W XL	—	50.00	48.25	49.82	41.66	46.00	29.50	GL W SM	13.00	—	—	—	—	18.00	1.00	GL W SM	13.00	—	—	—	—	18.00	1.00
GL W LG	—	43.50	40.58	42.43	41.32	41.00	36.25	GL BR LG	—	39.00	—	—	—	—	1.75	GL BR LG	—	39.00	—	—	—	—	1.75
GL W MD	23.00	—	19.67	19.00	19.78	22.64	22.00	NRBS - 39	14.00	15.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 39	14.00	15.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W SM	14.70	16.25	13.28	15.60	10.00	13.00	19.00																
GL BR LG	—	42.00	—	—	—	—	2.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	26.00	—	23.76	22.00																
NRBS - 45	—	—	24.50	26.75	—	—	4.00																
NRBS - 42	16.00	—	17.50	17.60	17.50	18.33	13.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	11.00	—	—	2.50																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	07/18/05	07/11/05	07/19/04
PACIFIC COAST	203	239	193
LOS ANGELES	198	233	145

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is lower on extra large, higher on medium, steady on the balance. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is moderate.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	77.63
LARGE	71.63
MEDIUM	44.18
SMALL	35

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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